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SINGAPORE PLEASE PASS DOCTOR WHAYNE

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SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 158609; (B) STATE 16770

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CLEARANCE FOR 216 (OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000) VIETNAMESE REFUGEES PRESENTLY ON PULAU PERHENTIAN. AFTER INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ICEM AND GOM OFFICIALS, WE HAVE DECIDE ON THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:

2. ICEM WILL CHARTER A LARGE AIRPLANE (PROBABLY A 707) FOR THE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. EARLIER IN THE WEEK WE WILL COMMENCE MEDICAL SCREENING AT BESUT, THE CLOSEST TOWN ON THE MAINLAND TO THE ISLAND. (GOM HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE BOATS FOR SHUTTling REFUGEES BACK AND FORTH.) MEDICAL SCREENING WILL INCLUDE X-RAY, CHECKS FOR OBVIOUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, CHECKS FOR HEART AND LUNG DISEASES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SUCH PROBLEMS AS LATE PREGNANCIES OR NEW-BORN

BABIES. WE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO CHECK FOR
INTESTINNAL PARASITES OR DO BLOOD SEROLOGY. ESSENTIAL
WORK WILL BE DONE BY GOM DOCTORS ASSISTED BY EIGHT
VIETNAMESE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE AMONG THE REFUGEES. WE
WILL PROVIDE A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. OUR FIRST CHOICE
IS THE REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER IN JAKARTA (AND WE ARE IN
TOUCH WITH HIM ABOUT THIS) BUT IF HE CANNOT COME WE
WILL SEND A CONTRACT DOCTOR FROM K.L.

3. BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE THE GOM TO PROVIDE ANY KIND OF
HOUSING OR SCREENING FACILITY HERE IN K.L., WE WILL BE
FORCED TO MOVE THE ENTIRE GROUP THROUGH K.L.'S INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AND ONWARD IN ONE DAY. ICEM WILL CHARTER AN
MAS 737 FOR TWO OR THREE TRIPS BETWEEN KOTA BHARU AND
K.L. THE GOM HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE SMALL BOATS AND
BUSES FOR MOVING THE REFUGEES TO THE MAINLAND AND TO
THE K.B. AIRFIELD. WHEN THE GROUPS IS ASSEMBLED IN K.L.,
WE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH PAROLE LETTERS AND SEND THEM ON.

4. WE ARE SENDING THESE PEOPLE TO CAMP PENDLETON AND
ARE DIRECTING ACFT TO EL TORO. IST IS OBVIOUS OF
COURSE THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE PHYSICALLY DEMANDING.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE DEALING WITH A FAIRLY HARDY LOT,
THERE ARE SOME OLDER PEOPLE IN THE GROUP AND A LARGE
NUMBER OF CHILDREN. THERE SHOULD BE REST AND MEDICAL
FACILITIES AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL
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